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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiyoshi Sato

Serial No. 09/610,558

Filing Date: July 5, 2000

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
WITH TRACK WIDTH
RESTRICTING GROOVE FORMED
TO FULLY READ LOWER CORE
LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD FOR THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on March 15, 2004. A Response to Election/Restriction Requirement is being concurrently filed with the present Preliminary Amendment where the invention of